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# Licensees Across Oregon Fail to Stop Sales to Minors OLCC Marijuana Retailer Minor Decoy Checks Continue

**Portland, OR –** During the winter holiday season the Oregon Liquor Control Commission conducted additional minor decoy operations across Oregon, and found that some licensed marijuana retailers are selling marijuana products to minors.

- On <u>December 20, 2017</u>, in the <u>Eugene-Springfield</u> area, marijuana inspectors visited <u>19</u> licensed marijuana retailers, and <u>three (3) failed</u> a check for prohibiting sales to a minor volunteer. <u>Compliance rate:</u> 84%
- On <u>December 21, 2017</u>, in the **Keizer-Salem** area, marijuana inspectors visited
   23 licensed marijuana retailers, and <u>five (5) failed</u> a check for prohibiting sales to a minor volunteer. Compliance rate: 78%
- On <u>December 21, 2017</u>, in **Portland**, marijuana inspectors visited **seven (7)**licensed marijuana retailers, and <u>four (4) failed</u> a check for prohibiting sales to a minor volunteer. **Compliance rate: 43**%
- On <u>December 28, 2017</u>, in **Central Oregon**, marijuana inspectors visited **five (5)** licensed marijuana retailers, and <u>none (0) failed</u> a check for prohibiting sales to a minor volunteer. <u>Compliance rate:</u> 100%
- On <u>December 29, 2017</u>, in **Southern Oregon**, marijuana inspectors visited **12** licensed marijuana retailers, and <u>four (4) failed</u> a check for prohibiting sales to a minor volunteer. **Compliance rate: 66%**

"These overall results are unacceptable," said Steve Marks, Executive Director of the OLCC. "One of the basic tenets of Measure 91 is the protection of children by discouraging their use of marijuana. Oregonians who voted for legalizing recreational marijuana implicitly told the cannabis industry to abide by public safety laws. Clearly they're not, and we need to continue this type of enforcement activity."

The OLCC conducts the decoy operations to make sure marijuana licensees are complying with state laws and OLCC regulations to keep minors from entering licensed retail businesses to purchase marijuana products.

Sale of marijuana products to anyone under the age of 21 is a violation that for a first offense could result in a 10 to 30 day license suspension, or a fine of \$1650, depending on whether or not the sale is intentional. Failure by a marijuana licensee, or its employee, to check a customer's identification before the attempted purchase of a marijuana product is a violation that could result in a seven (7) day license suspension or a fine more than \$1100.

The framework for regulating recreational marijuana was established in Measure 91, which was approved by voters in 2014, using the OLCC alcohol regulatory structure. The penalties for marijuana licensees' violations were established based on the criteria used for penalizing alcohol licensees.

During the sales checks, a minor volunteer attempts to enter a licensed marijuana retailer and/or purchase marijuana products from a licensed business to see if staff are checking ID's correctly and refusing entry to anyone under 21. Commission inspectors supervise the minor volunteers. The volunteers carry their own legal ID that identifies them as under 21 and do not disguise their age or lie to encourage the sale of marijuana. The Oregon Driver license for a minor carries a red border around the picture with the words "Under 21 until" followed by the date of his/her 21st birthday.

The OLCC tests licensed marijuana businesses throughout the year, with each licensed retailer receiving a minimum of one visit per year. The OLCC offers a free training course on how to check ID's and identify false identification.

"This is a wake-up call to our licensed retailers. Oregonians have entrusted you with a responsibility that includes NOT selling marijuana to minors. By doing so you tarnish the cannabis industry and put your business in jeopardy," said Marks.

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# **Minor Decoy Operation**

December 20, 2017

#### CITIES: Eugene, Springfield

Premises visited: No Sales: 16, Sales: 3 – Compliance rate of 84%

#### **NO SALES**

Eugene OG

2045 Franklin Blvd., Eugene 97403

Jamaica Joel's

37 W 13th Ave, Suite 201, Eugene 97405

TJ's On The Alley

1027 Willamette St., Eugene 97401

Flowr of Lyfe

114 W. Broadway, Eugene 97401

Frequent Vibrationz

1409 Oak St., Eugene 97401

River Valley Remedies

1985 W. 7th Ave., Eugene 97402

Eugreen Health Center

1111 Willamette St., Eugene 97401

Space Buds

741 Lincoln St., Eugene 97401

Sweat Leaf Cannabis

3912 Main St., Springfield 97478

K9 Chronic

1505 18th St., Ste. AB

Springfield 97477

Cannabis LLC

1936 Main St., Springfield 97477

Deep Roots Cannabis

2155 Olympic St., Springfield 97477

Amazon Organics

3443 Hilyard St., Suite F

Eugene, 97405

Phresh Start

1623 21st St. Suite B

Springfield 97477

Grateful Meds

1401 Market St., Springfield 97477

LivWell Enlightened Health

2329 Olympic St., Springfield 97477

#### SALES

Buds

439 W. 1st Ave., Eugene 97401

Sweet Leaf Cannabis

943 Olive St., Eugene 97401

Hi Cascade

1628 Main St., Springfield 97477

# **Minor Decoy Operation**

December 21, 2017 CITIES: Keizer, Salem

Premises visited: No Sales: 18, Sales: 5 – Compliance rate of 78%

#### **NO SALES**

Oregon Bud Company 3450 River Rd N, Keizer, OR 97303

Alpha Alternative Solutions 3700 River Rd N, Keizer OR 97303

Kush Dispensary of Oregon 4785 River Rd N, Keizer OR 97303

Homegrown Oregon 2820 Liberty Rd N, Salem OR 97301

Kaya Shack 2 5757 Commercial St SE, Salem OR 97306

Kaya Shack 3 2505 Liberty Rd N, Salem OR 97301

Green Depot 2595 State St, Salem OR 97301

Green Cross Cannabis Emporium 3165 River Rd N, Salem OR 97303

OG Collective 3537 Commercial St SE Suite 100 Salem OR 97302

OG Collective 1255 Cross Street SE Suite 150 Salem OR 97302

Ancient Remedies 2350 State St, Salem OR 97301

Herbal Grasslands 1130 Royvonne Ave SE, Salem OR 97302

Club Pitbull 1860 State St, Salem OR 97301

Homegrown Oregon 2820 Liberty St, Salem OR 97301

Cherry City Compassion 1855 25<sup>th</sup> St SE, Salem OR 97302

The Holistic Choice 1045 Commercial St SE, Salem OR 97302

#### **SALES**

The Grass Hut II 4085 Cherry Ave NE, Keizer OR 97303

7 Leaf Collective 1026 Commercial St NE, Salem OR 97301

Herbal Remedies 2 3940 Commercial St SE, Salem OR 97302

Hi Cascade 5070 Commercial St SE, Salem OR 97306

Re-Leaf Cannabis Center 1330 12th St SE #100, Salem OR 97302

THC Recreation Station Salem 1295 Oxford St SE, Salem OR 97302	
Diem 1040 Commercial St SE, Salem OR 97302	

# Minor Decoy Operation December 21, 2017

**CITIES: Portland** 

Premises visited: No Sales: 3, Sales: 4 – Compliance rate of 43%

SALES
La Mota 4450 & 4460 NE Sandy Blvd. Portland 97213
Roseway Organics 7420 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland 97213
AmeriCanna Rx 8654 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland 97220
Deanz Greenz 10518-B NE Sandy Blvd., Portland 97220

## **Minor Decoy Operation**

December 29, 2017

### CITIES: Ashland, Gold Hill, Medford, Phoenix

Premises visited: No Sales: 8, Sales: 4 - Compliance rate of 66%

#### **NO SALES**

House of Leaves 488 N Main St., Ashland 97520

Talent Health Club 1007 S Pacific Hwy #C, Phoenix 97535

Top Shelf Wellness 205 N Phoenix Rd #C, Phoenix 97535

LA MOTA #6 17 S Riverside, Medford 97501

Wicked Flower Shop 600 E Jackson, Medford 97501

Attis Trading Co. 259 E Burnett, Medford 97501

Sensible Cannabis 3338 N Pacific Hwy, Medford, 97501

Breeze Botanicals 315 2<sup>ND</sup> Ave., Gold Hill 97525

#### **SALES**

Hijinx Cannabis Co. 3943 S Pacific Hwy Medford 97501

Cannabiz Experience 333 N Riverside, Medford 97501

Rogue River Herbal 510 E Main St #C, Rogue River 97537

Rogue River Cannabis 204 Madrone St., Rogue River 97537

# Minor Decoy Operation December 28, 2017

CITIES: Bend, Madras

Premises visited: No Sales: 5, Sales: 0 - Compliance rate of 100%

NO SALES	SALES
High Grade Organics 224 SE Davis Ave., Bend 97702	
Jenny's Dispensary 932 NE 3 <sup>rd</sup> St., Bend 97701	
DiamondTREE 380 N. Highway 26, Madras 97741	
Plantae 1100 SW Hwy 97, Suite 103, Madras 97741	
Central Organics 780 SW 4 <sup>th</sup> St., Madras 97741	